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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6148**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1730

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 30, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 26, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Aguilera

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Wyss

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (CCR Amended) This bill establishes the Executive Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. The bill also repeals the legislative Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Legislative Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs.)

**Effective Date:** Upon Passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Commission will consist of 20 members:

- two members from the Senate;
- two members from the House of Representatives;
- four lay members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- four lay members appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- six lay members from state agencies:
  - Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA) or Hispanic/Latino designee of FSSA;
  - Commissioner of the State Department of Health (DOH) or Hispanic/Latino designee of DOH;
  - State Superintendent of Public Instruction or Hispanic/Latino designee of Department of Education;
  - Commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) or Hispanic/Latino designee of DOC;
  - Director of the Civil Rights Commission (CRC) or Hispanic/Latino designee of CRC;
  - Director of the Department of Commerce or Hispanic/Latino designee of Department of Commerce;
- one Hispanic/Latino business person appointed by the Governor; and
- the Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) or Hispanic/Latino designee of DWD as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

Legislative members and lay members will be entitled to a per diem and a mileage reimbursement. Any state

employees appointed to the Commission are entitled to a mileage reimbursement.

Currently, legislative members would be entitled to \$129 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Mileage and per diem for legislative members would be paid from the appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency.

Lay members who do not work for a state agency would be entitled to \$50 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Mileage and per diem for lay members would be paid from the appropriations made to the Department of Workforce Development. Lay members who are state employees are reimbursed for mileage from their respective state agencies. Based on the current Legislative Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, the lay members who do not work for the state government represent a cost of \$1,287 per meeting if they all attend.

The Department of Workforce Development will staff the Commission. Commission expenses would be paid from appropriations to the Department of Workforce Development. The bill does not specify the number of meetings that will be held.

This bill also repeals the Legislative Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs, which is currently allocated \$12,000 and is staffed by the Legislative Services Agency. The Legislative Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs had a remaining balance of approximately \$7,000 after four meetings.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill also establishes a dedicated fund to provide money for special projects of the Commission. It is to consist of gifts, contributions, and money donated to the Commission. The fund is to be administered by the Treasurer of the State and expenses of doing so are to be paid from the fund. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund, and it is continuously appropriated for special projects of the Commission.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Workforce Development.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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